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Swallows boat launch closes so Corps can replace dock

(Clarkston, Wash.) -- The Swallows Beach boat launching ramp will be closed Sept. 27-29 (Wed. through Fri.) so that recreation officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers can replace the recreation dock, according to a park ranger here.

"We're going to do the work in two phases. We'll remove the old concrete dock on Wednesday (Sept. 27) and install the new dock the following two days," said Park Ranger Mike Deitrick. "The dock will be constructed of industrial grade plastic and will eliminate the need for separate safety bumpers."

Since there is no hardware to come loose, this dock design has been found to be much friendlier to boat hulls during launching and retrieval operations, according to Deitrick.

"We appreciate the public's patience while we take this launch out of service. Providing quality recreation is one of the Corps' major goals here in the Lewis-Clark valley and this modernization project is one of many this year. The Greenbelt boat launch in Clarkston will be open for use while Swallows launch is temporarily closed," he said.

For more information about Corps recreation opportunities, call the office here at (509) 751-0240.

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